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SUBJECT: Gov. Carter Briefing - Section II  
- Soviet Strategic Programs

This draft text is intended to form the basis for across-the-table briefing keyed to the referenced graphics. While it is not expected that the text will be read word-for-word, all facts and judgments should be checked by the responsible offices. We need your corrections and suggestions by 3 p.m. today if at all possible.

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SUBJECT : Briefings of Governor Carter

1. Note: All of the information contained herein is subject to change. It is dependent on Governor Carter's schedule and interests, and these may evolve as we progress.

2. General. There will be a series of in-depth briefings on major topics, probably at Plains, Georgia. It is my understanding that these will begin shortly after the convention, possible as early as this weekend, and will be completed in a matter of weeks. At least the first will be accompanied by a current intelligence round-up. After the major briefings are completed, there will be regular current briefings until the election.

3. Format. Governor Carter is a relaxed but intent listener. He likes to leaf through documents and examine graphics while he listens. A good deal of interruption for questions can be expected. All briefings will be informal, across-the-table style. Page-size graphics will be used and are encouraged. Larger boards can be used, but should be kept to a minimum. Briefings should not be read, but texts, "NSC style", should be prepared for review and record purposes.

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4. Content. There are no limits on classification, but we will not discuss sensitive sources and methods. We are instructed not to discuss policy matters; this will clearly be a judgmental matter. Obviously matters at odds within the Administration should be avoided, but it will be difficult to discuss, say, SALT without noting positions taken by the US. We should assume considerable knowledge on the part of Governor Carter. A good rule of thumb is to pitch briefings as one would to the President. Briefings will be presented on a Community basis, i.e., split views will be noted. Briefers should treat Governor Carter's questions and reactions as sensitive matters, not to be generally discussed.

5. Topics. The major briefings will be grouped in packages of approximately six hours each, including a half hour for current intelligence. A tentative list is as follows (the order can be adjusted to meet vacation problems):

- I. Soviet Affairs, except conventional forces (firm)
- II. Arab-Israeli Situation  
North-South Dialogue
- III. Soviet Conventional Forces & Warsaw Pact  
European Military and Political Stability
- IV. Petroleum and Petro-dollars  
Southern Africa
- V. China  
Korea  
Southeast Asia?

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6. People. The appropriate NIO will prepare or arrange for preparation of each briefing. The best talent on the subject at hand will brief, whether DDI, DDS&T, or NIO. [ ] will handle production, but may need some help from DDI. OGCR will handle graphics, but may need some help from DDS&T. (Please make every effort to use graphics already in stock). The DCI will attend at least the first session. I will coordinate the effort, with [ ] as alternate.

7. Logistics. No dates have been set. If the major briefings take place at Plains, we will use an Agency aircraft to take the teams down. No team for any one package should be larger than 8-9, including the DCI, and fewer if possible. The team for Package I will be:

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8. Further details and changes will be disseminated as soon as known. I do not expect to know any dates before Friday.



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